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## 1. Hydrographic Information

- a. Due to the tilting up of Massawa Harbor with mud, the port manager has had to bring into force new routine drafts for vessels using the harbor. The draft alongside the main quay at Massawa is now 25' mean low water springs, but by the use of small wooden pontoon fenders (which are available) the draft is 29' mean low water springs.

## 2. Aids to Navigation

- a. The following lights are in operation at Massawa:

- (1) Umm El Sahri Lighthouse (Lat 15° 05' N, Long 40° 33' E)

Details: Iron framework structure painted red.

Base painted white.

Height of light above water, 102 feet

Visibility, 15 miles.

1 flash every 5 seconds: light 1 second

eclipse 5 seconds.

Period 6 seconds.

- (2) Asmara Island Lighthouse (Lat 15° 31' 30" N, Long 38° 55' 00" E)

Details: Height, 54' 6"

Visibility, 7 miles.

Flashing red, 2 every 5 seconds:

1 second flash, 1 second eclipse

1 second flash, 2 seconds eclipse

- b. The following lights are in operation in the north end of South Massawa Channel:

- (1) Kayet: 1 second flash every 5 seconds, visible 11 miles.

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- (2) Difraim: 1 second flash every 2 seconds, visible 14 miles.
- (3) Massawa: Group flashing 2 flashes every 15 seconds, visible 11 miles.
- (4) Shuuma: Group flashing 3 flashes every 12 seconds, visible 15 miles.
- (5) Shab Sheikh: Pinned white light visible 11 miles.
- (6) Asseb: 2 flashes every 10 seconds, visible 11 miles.

3. Pilotage

- a. The port may be entered at any time day or night. There are four pilots.

4. Tugs

- a. There are two tugs available.

5. Lighterage

- a. There are no lighters available.

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